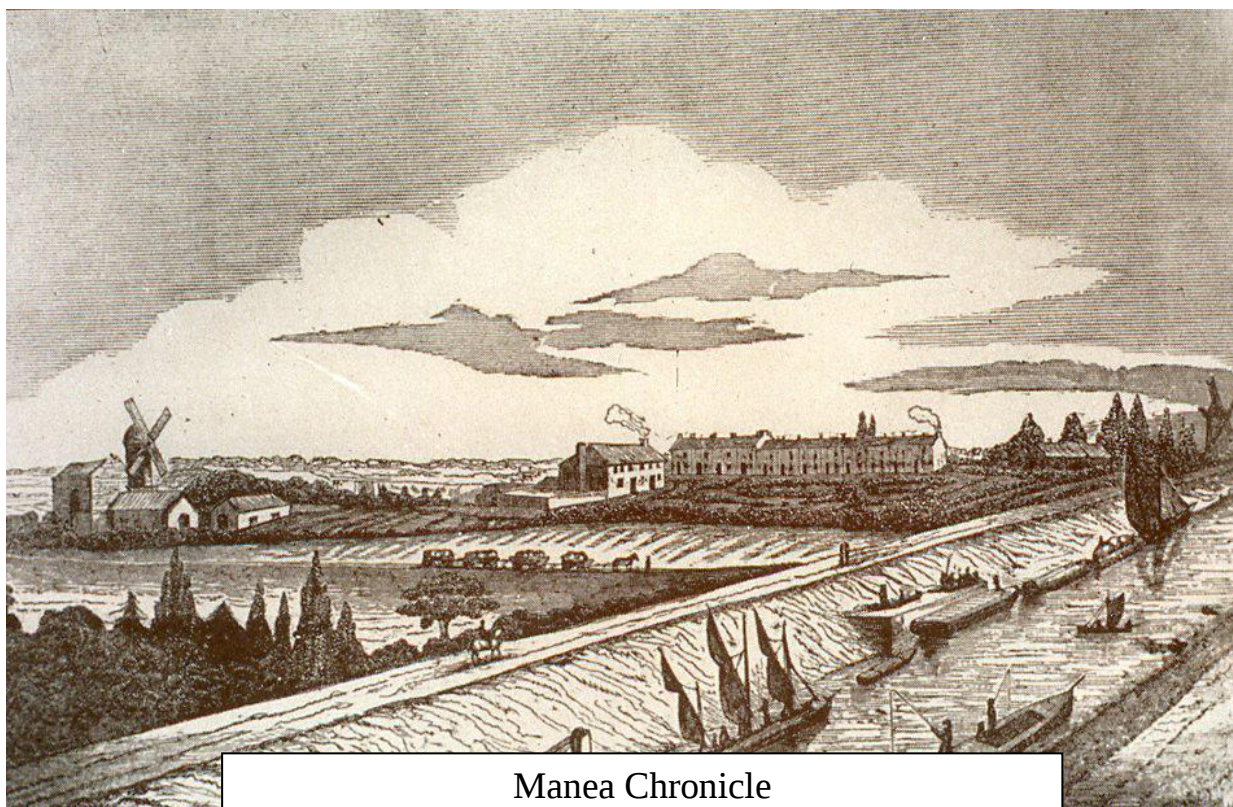




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The Cambridgeshire Collection in Cambridge Central Library, Lion Yard, has a card index to some of the Manea stories published in the Cambridge Chronicle newspaper between 1770 and 1900. Advertisements and court cases were indexed between 1770 and 1819, otherwise the stories are those published in the news columns. There may well be others. I have transcribed this index.

This listing also includes some other stories published in the Cambridge Independent Press – ‘CIP’.

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- 1821 11 02 Thomas Colestown, for ill-treatment of his son, in not allowing him proper food, and suffering him to expose himself for want of clothing, in the public highway, in the hamlet of Manea, to be imprisoned one month.
- 1823 07 18 Two roads leading from Manea to Wimblington and Doddington, were presented as being in a dangerous state. The Court fined the parish £500 and £100 and respited the payment of the same – the roads to be repaired under the direction of Thomas Orton, Esq. and Mr Whiting
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- 1834 04 04 Samuel Smith aged 29, indicted for killing a sheep with intent to steal the carcase belonging to Mr Curtis, of Chatteris. Mr Barnes, farmer of Manea, gave the prisoner a good character for steadiness and sobriety. The Jury, after considering about 10 minutes returned a verdict of guilty – transported for life – His Lordship has since intimated his intention of recommending a commutation of the punishment.
Berry Wayman (18) charged with feloniously stealing two Justian frocks, a waistcoat, and other articles from the dwelling-house of William Stokes, farmer, of Manea there was nothing

against the prisoner before this so the sentence was lenient. Six months' hard labour in the House of Correction at Ely.

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1837 03 11 Hodson of Upwell invites gentlemen to witness working of centrifugal water engine on his farm – CIP [Appendix 7]

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1841 02 20 Mr Hodson's attempt to establish a socialist community at Manea, p3 CIP

1841 04 03 annual missionary meeting, p3 CIP

1841 04 10 William Hodson, formerly President of the now defunct colony of Socialists established at Manea Fen, and Thomas Golding; another of the community, were indicted for having, on the 13th of last February, assaulted Maria Ward, a candidate for admission to the Society's privileges. Mr Huddleston was for the prosecution – Mr Pryme for the defence. From the evidence of the prosecutrix it appeared that her husband was printer to the colony, and that when the press was stopped, he went elsewhere in search of work, leaving her and two children with the society. Some time after this the assault complained of was committed; the woman was burning some turf in her apartments, when Hodson came in and a quarrel arose between them respecting the ownership of the Turf. He went out and returned with Golding, the other defendant, when they maltreated the woman and turned her out of the room. Mr Pryme cross examined the witness and then addressed the jury on behalf of the defendants, contending that the assault had in fact been committed by the woman, who, not being a member of the society, resisted the defendant Hodson in his attempt to take possession of the Turf which was burning, which Turf did in fact belong to him as president of the society. The defendants were found guilty. Hodson fined £10; and Golding 20s [Appendix 2]

1841 04 17 meeting to choose churchwardens, p3 CIP

1841 04 24 letter re churchwardens, p3 CIP

1841 05 15 sale 170a Manea fen belonging W. Hodson – CIP p1

1841 07 10 Isle of Ely (to wit). I, Hugh Jackson, Clerk of the Peace for the Isle of Ely, do in compliance with the directions of an Act of Parliament passed in the ninth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled, "An Act for better Regulation of Divisions in the several counties of England and Wales," give notice, that I did previously to the last General Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the Isle of Ely receive a statement in writing signed by two of Her Majesties Justices of the Peace acting in and for the said Isle of which the following is a copy, viz.- To Hugh Jackson Esq., Clerk of the Peace for the Isle of Ely "We, the undersigned, Justices of the Peace, acting in and for the Isle of Ely, in the County of Cambridge do, in pursuance of the provisions of the Act of Parliament passed in the ninth year of the reign of his late Majesty King George the Fourth intituled, "An Act for the better Regulation of Divisions in the Several Counties of England and Wales" by this writing under our hands state our opinion. That it would be more convenient to the inhabitants severally resident in the Hamlet of Manea, in the said Isle, and in the Extra-parochial place called "Welches Dam" in the said Isle, if the said hamlet and Extra-parochial place now situated or deemed to be in and forming part of the division of the said Isle called "The south part the hundred of Witchford," (for which said south part the Special and Petty sessions are holden at Ely), were annexed to, and become part of the other division of the said Isle called "the North part of the hundred of Witchford," (for which said North part the Special and Petty

Sessions are holden at Chatteris, in the said Isle), and within the boundaries of which said last-mentioned division, the Rev. Robert Chartfield L. L. D., the Rev. Algernon Peyton, M. A., and John Fryer and John Richardson Fryer, Esqs., are Justices of the Peace usually resident and acting". Witness our hands the 13th day of May 1841. Algernon Peyton. George Peacock. And I do further give notice, that I did at the said last Sessions, lay the statement before the Justices of the Peace for the said Isle of Ely in sessions assembled, and that the same will be taken into consideration by the Court at the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden for the said Isle. Dated this 2nd day of June 1841 Hugh Jackson.

1841 08 21 Confirmation. On Thursday the Bishop of Ely, held a confirmation in the parish church at March, when near 500 young persons of both sexes, from Chatteris, Benwick, Manea, Doddington, Wimblington and March, received that rite from his hands.
1841 11 13 At the General Quarter Sessions, the Court did Order That, from and after the 30th day of Oct., the said Hamlet of Manea and the said Extra-Parochial place called Welches Dam be annexed to the Division called the North Part of the Hundred of Witchford aforesaid, for all and every the purposes mentioned in the said Act of Parliament. Hugh Jackson

1842 06 25 Manea Isle of Ely. To Millers, Millwrights, Carpenters, Boatwrights and others. Two Water-Mills, Mill wrights' House and Shop, Warehouse and Two Boats belonging to the Manea, Welney etc. District Commissioners To Be Sold By Auction, by Robert Newton. At the Catherine Wheel Inn, in Manea, on Tuesday 28th June 1842 between the hours of Five and Seven in the evening, subject to such conditions of sale as will then be produced.

Lot 1 All that large Wind Watermill, standing on the Old Bedford Bank, called the Welney Mill (being the mill nearest to Welney) together with the Land on which the same stands.

N. B. This Mill is very capable of being turned into a Corn windmill.

Lot 2 All that other Wind Watermill, called "Moat's Mill", or the Little Mill, also standing on the Old Bedford Bank.

N. B. The Land on which this Mill stands will be sold with it, if so determined upon at the time of sale.

Lot 3 All that Millwright's House, and Shop adjoining the same, with the Land whereon the same stands, situate on the Old Bedford Bank at Purl's Bridge.

Lot 4 All that long Warehouse, also situate on the Old Bedford Bank at Purl's Bridge
This lot to be taken off the land.

Lot 5 All that Large Boat, of 8 Tons burden, belonging to the said Commissioners.

Lot 6 All that other Ditto, of 9 Tons burden.

The above Lots will be sold for Ready Money.

Further particulars of Mr. Richard Sears or Mr Andrew Gunton, Manea.

1842 10 29 Start of the Manea, Welney, etc., District Steam Engine.

On Tuesday last the Commissioners of this District met pursuant to advertisement of last week, to witness the starting of this magnificent engine. The engine, which is about a mile above Welney Bridge, was erected by Joseph Glynn, Esq., engineer, on behalf of the Buttery Company, Derby. Mr Glynn was present and several of the Commissioners, and also a large concourse of people, notwithstanding the roughness of the day. The start took place exactly at eleven o'clock and gave universal satisfaction to all present. After the Commissioners had witnessed the superior power of the engine for upwards of an hour, they retired to Welney to transact the general business of the District. The meeting of the Commissioners was larger than ever known (Major Lee in the chair). After partaking of a sumptuous dinner at the Lamb and Flag Inn, several toasts were proposed and duly responded to. The Chairman left about five o'clock, after which the following memorandum was entered in the minute book.

"After William Lee, Esq., had left the chair, it was the unanimous wish of the Meeting, on the proposition of Mr John Nix, that the newly erected steam engine this day started in the presence of Joseph Glynn, Esq., the engineer, be hereafter called and known by the name of "The Major", as complimentary testimony of respect to the oldest Commissioner in the

District, who has for upwards of 50 years lent his useful aid in promoting its safety and prosperity.”

1842 11 26 Freehold Estate, Isle of Ely. To Be Sold by Auction buy Robert Newton. At the George Inn, in Chatteris, early in January next in Five Lots. Two Hundred and sixty Acres of Freehold Land called the “Manea Fiftys” lying by the side of the Old Bedford River, between Manea and Welney, the property of the Executors of the late Henry Gascoyne.

1843 08 19 Manea. On Tuesday morning this place was visited with a storm of rain and hail, accompanied with vivid lightening and thunder, and it is said of greater strength than the storm of the previous Wednesday. A hay-stack, belonging to Mr. Weldon, was struck by the lightening and consumed.

1844 03 30 Sending threatening letters [Appendix 3]

1844 06 22 sale horse mill, almost new, p1

1844 06 22 the Feast, p3

1844 07 06 Robert Higham, for stealing three bushels of meal from Samuel Skelton, of Manea. Guilty 3 months and hard labour. John Cork, for breaking into the home of John Stokely, of Manea and stealing various articles of clothing – Guilty – Ten years transportation

1844 07 27 Wanted to hire, two gangs of lighters to carry 90 tons each gang; apply to Mr Wm Hodson, Bick & Tile Manufactory - CIP

1847 07 27 Brick & Tile Manufactory. Wm Hodson having eight kilns at work, can supply parties with excellent bricks and tiles and reduced prices - CIP

1845 08 02 sheep stealing, p3

1847 05 29 An inquest was held on the 27th instant, by Wm. Pratt, Esq., coroner, on the body of John Moon, of this place, who was supposed to have been knocked down by the Peterboro’ and Ely 9h 17m a.m. train, on the 26th and killed. The deceased was very old and infirm, and quite deaf: and it is presumed he was crossing the line from one of the side gates at the time the train came up. No blame was attributed to the Eastern Counties Railway Company’s servants, and a verdict of “accidental death” was returned.

1847 06 05 John Moon died railway accident, p3

1847 06 05 accident, p3 CIP

1847 07 10 Fatal Accident on the Eastern Counties Railway. On Thursday morning, the express up train from Stamford, which reaches Ely at 21 minutes past 7 a.m., when on a bridge over a drove about half a mile on the Ely side of the Hundred Foot River, got off the metals, and proceeded about fifty yards, when the ponderous engine became severed from the Train, rolled down the bank about seven feet high, and pitched bottom upwards into the earth. The sudden concussion and effusion of smoke, fire and steam, at this moment, produced the greatest alarm; and as the passengers crept from their carriages, the sight was truly awful. The engine driver, Thomas Staples, aged about 30, a very steady man, a teetotaller, was found lying dead under the tender, and could not, until assistance was obtained from Ely and Manea, be extricated. Happily, this was the only life lost, although there were some narrow escapes. Poor Staples leaves a widow and one child, and was a remarkably steady and careful man.

1847 09 04 Isle of Ely Police Intelligence. William Howell, of Ely, travelling fiddler, “or anything else as happens” was charged by Ann Gray, of Manea, with violent assault and beating, although two months had elapsed the marks were still visible, but Mrs Gray, “having got over it!”, said she had no wish to hurt the man. The bench therefore after some deliberation, during which Mr Howell seemed to be exceedingly uneasy both in mind and body, ordered him to pay 16s costs, and conduct himself properly for the future = “Oh! Dear, that I will; I’m sure I will; you’ll never see me again,” said William Howell, whose better half was called forward, and handed over the “needful”, and do doubt thought themselves lucky in getting off so, for the defendant had evidently made his arrangements for a few months at the treadmill.

- 1847 09 11 suspected poisoning four babies, p3
- 1847 09 18 suspected poisoning, p4
- 1847 09 18 inquest on three children, CIP p3
- 1847 10 02 Valuable Church Preferment, near to Ely. Messrs. Farebrother Clark and Lye, will sell by auction, at Garraway's, Change Alley, Cornhill, London, on Wednesday, November 3rd at twelve (unless an acceptable offer is previously made by Private Contract). The next Presentation (subject to the life of the Incumbent, aged 77 years) to the Rectory of Coveney-cum-Manea, situate about six miles from the Cathedral town of Ely, in Cambs; consisting of a good Parsonage House, with Offices, Coach House, Stabling, and Garden, with about 35A of Glebe Land, and the Tithes of the parishes which have been commuted for a rent charge of £1,070 per annum. Particulars may be had 21 days prior to the sale, at the Lamb Inn, Ely; Bull Cambridge; Angel, Oxford, and Messrs. Frere, Foster, Goodford and Cholmeley, Solicitors, 6 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, at Garraways, and of the above first named.
- 1847 10 30 The Irresponsible Sale of Poisons. The Irresponsible Sale of Poisons by illiterate shop keepers, and the fatal use to which such drugs have recently been put, particularly at Manea, in this county, has given rise to more than one suggestion for rendering the crime of poisoning more difficult of perpetration and more easy of detection. A druggist at Ely has published the following particulars of a plan adopted by him. He says "I have for some time past kept a register of persons to whom I have sold arsenic. I enter it in my day-book, and require a witness, and the oblige the purchaser, (or, he not being able to write, the witness) to sign his name; I then post it in my ledger under the head "poison", and it will at all times be open to the inspection of a properly authorised person from the police or coroner, but not to the idly curious. I consider that this will be a preventative; for a person requiring it for an improper purpose would refuse to sign, and I should immediately give notice to the proper parties. I have invariably every since I first stood behind the counter, required a witness. If therefore, before I began my register, I had sold arsenic to a purchaser having a felonious design, there would have been the witness to the purchase to "split."
- 1847 11 20 Last week Messrs. Farebrother sold a valuable Church Preferment, near to Ely, Cambs., being the next presentation to the rectory of Coveney-cum-Manea (subject the life of the incumbent, aged 75 year) consisting of a parsonage house, etc., 44 acres of glebe land, and the tithes of the parishes commuted into a rent-charge of £1071 12s 3d per annum. - £5,000.
- 1848 03 25 Sale of the Rectory of Coveney cum Manea. On Wednesday Mr. Alderman Farebrother offered for public competition at Garraway's Coffee House, 'Change Alley', Cornhill, London, the valuable Church Preferment the next presentation (subject to the life of the Incumbent, aged seventy-seven years), to the rectory of Coveney cum Manea, situated about six miles from the city of Ely, and twenty from Cambridge. The total annual income, independent of surplice fees, was £1,157. 12s. 3d., with glebe lands let to Mr. Porter at £41, per annum, ditto at Manea £20. The advowson was disposed of by directions of Lord Rokeby who was the vendor. The value of it was stated to be about £5,864, at 16 years purchase. It sold for £4,040..
- 1848 04 08 Appeals. Eastern Counties Railway Company, appellants, Manea, respondents. This was an appeal against a poor rate, made for Manea parish, by which the Company were rated at £700, for the portion of the line in the respondent parish. Mr Couch moved that the rate be reduced to £250, the sum which both parties now considered the fair amount. Mr Naylor, on behalf of the parish of Manea, stated that the Company having furnished his clients with the proper data, they had agreed to consent to the reduction named. Rate altered accordingly. Several other appeals by the Company against the rates in Thetford, Stretham, March etc., entered at the last sessions were now abandoned.
- 1848 07 22 tempest, CIP p3
- 1849 05 12 House Windmill and Land, Manea, Isle of Ely. To be Sold by Auction, By Mr. R. Newton. On Friday, 25th May, 1849, at the George Inn, Chatteris, at Seven o'clock in

the evening, (Subject to such conditions of sale as will then be produced). The following Valuable Estate In Manea, a capital Dwelling House with Yard, Garden, Barns, Stables, Granary and Pump with Well of excellent water. Also a first-rate Brick Tower Corn Windmill, driving two pairs of Stones, one pair French, one pair Greys, capital Dressing Machine, and Going-gears, and all requisite tackle belonging; and One Acre of Land adjoining, situate in the most convenient part of the town, and lately in the occupation of Mr. Lambert Meeks, at the annual rent of £40. The above Premises are Freehold, except two Roods of the Land which are Copyhold, and held of the Manor of Manea. N. B. Immediate possession will be given if required. For further particulars apply to Mr. Varnham, near the New Common Bridge, Wisbech, to the Auctioneer, Chatteris; or to Mr. Swallow, solicitor, St Ives. Hunts. Half the Purchase Money may remain upon security of the Premises.

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